

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mary Sprague

At the February Executive Committee meeting, I learned that OHSLA now includes 123 members. I know from personal experience that our last six meetings have been very well attended and rated highly. Our newly created e-mail discussion list (ohsla@listserv.uic.edu) reaches nearly 90 of our members. Have I mentioned that the treasury balance is \$6,378.05? Pretty impressive numbers. OHSLA provides annual CE opportunities, produces a directory of members, enables in-person and electronic networking, expedites communication with GMR by hosting semi-annual "Updates," and provides pleasant, centrally located environments for our meetings. And we are re-tooling our web site.

That's a lot for our membership to be proud of. But, I am periodically reminded of the many hospital and academic librarians who are not OHSLA members. And those growing number of hospital staff members who are wearing the "librarian" hat among many others, but who have a limited idea of the value of connecting with others who share their responsibilities and concerns. How can OHSLA reach out to these groups? How can OHSLA benefit from connecting with them?

I don't have all of the answers, but I believe the place to start would be to identify the status of library services in Ohio health care facilities. Recent requests from GMR for recommendations for library improvement projects made me realize that no one has a really good handle on the status of library services, although pieces of it are available in various directories, databases, Consortium records, and peoples' heads.

Therefore, I am proposing the creation and maintenance of a database of information, which would not only allow us to understand our Ohio health information community but also to provide benchmarking data to our members (actually I did not think of benchmarking, but Past President Clare Leibfarth immediately suggested this very valuable use). The directory could be issued in print, as well as made available as a searchable database on our web site.

The Executive Committee has agreed to explore this project further and perhaps to seek grant funding to support it. I am interested in our members' opinions of this project. Not only must we consider how to collect data and how to organize it, but we must plan for continued

maintenance if we decide to pursue its creation.

What information would the "Directory of Library Services in Ohio Health Care Facilities" need to include to be valuable to you? Please contact me at sprague.3@osu.edu or 614-292-4863 if you have any comments, questions, suggestions for this proposed project.

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difficult reference questions, job postings, and asking for advice on library topics. A number of OHSLA members have expressed concern about the list becoming too "busy," so we are asking members to use common sense when

posting to the list. Please be considerate of our members' time!

The OHSLA Executive Committee, with member input, will evaluate how effectively the list is performing in six

months and perhaps review/revise our guidelines at that time.

If you are not sure whether you're on or off the list, contact Mary Sprague at [sprague.3@osu.edu](mailto:sprague.3@osu.edu). To post a message to the list, send an e-mail message to [ohsla@listserv.uic.edu](mailto:ohsla@listserv.uic.edu).

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**MINUTES OF THE FALL BUSINESS MEETING  
THURSDAY OCTOBER 29, 1998  
PRIOR HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS, OHIO**

The meeting was called to order at 12:17 by President Mary Sprague, who thanked Barb VanBrimmer, Curator of the Medical Heritage Center and her staff for their assistance in arranging the meeting and Susan Kroll, OSU Health Sciences Library Director for her support.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of the general membership meeting of Spring 1998 were included in the newsletter. One correction was noted: Susan Kroll noted that she would work with the academic health sciences library directors to find alternative methods to update SERHOLD records on an interim basis. Marlene Porter moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Fern Cheek seconded. The motion was approved.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** The Executive Committee Met twice, on June 1, and August 5, both times at the OSU Health Sciences Library due to geographical convenience. In order to support attendance at these meetings Mary suggested and the Committee agreed, that the OHSLA treasury pay for lunch and reimburse long distance travelers for their mileage at the rate of \$0.05 per mile. This support is a small way to recognize the contributions Executive Committee members make to OHSLA.

At the Spring Meeting the membership referred the Membership Committee recommendations regarding membership categories to the Executive Committee. The committee agreed that membership fee will remain at \$15.00 per year, with a student membership category at \$5.00 per year. A student can be a student member for as long as it takes. No institutional memberships will be offered. Vendors may become personal members. The newsletter will be sent only to members. Membership forms and meeting announcements will go to all names on our larger mailing list.

A proposal to change the bylaws to change the term of secretary from one year to two years will be presented at the Spring meeting. The election for treasurer, also a two year term, and secretary would take place in alternate years. This change is recommended to improve the continuity of decision making on the Executive Committee.

A large majority of members checked the box on the membership form for the addition of their names to the OHSLA listserv. The listserv will be hosted at OSU and Mary will be the listserv owner. It will be a closed list, i.e. only people the owner adds can send messages to it and it will be unmoderated. The plan is to set up the listserv in November. Preliminary guidelines will be issued and suggestions will be welcomed. This will be an excellent communication tool for the organization.

Mary extended heartfelt thanks to Barbarie Hill for her creation of a wonderful web page for OHSLA for the Spring meeting at the OHA convention. Best wishes to Barbarie for the new responsibilities in preparing for the 2000 MC/MLA meeting in Cincinnati. We need a volunteer with some web page development experience to lead this effort and to work with the Committee. Contact Mary if you are interested in this position.

Over the years, including this year, the Executive Committee has looked at bonding for the Treasurer. Bonding is expensive and does not appear to be appropriate for such a small treasury, and most bonding agencies are not interested dealing with small amounts. We decided not to bond the Treasurer but rather to identify and OHSLA member to conduct an annual year end audit of our books. Please contact Mary if you would be willing to audit.

The focus for the coming year will be communication and membership. The creation of a listserv and revitalization

of the web page will enhance communication. When Barbarie ends her term as newsletter editor with the Spring issue Michelle Foss will step into her place.

Deb has really outstanding news to report about membership. When calling around the state to try to identify underconnected libraries for GMR it became apparent that there are a lot of Ohio health sciences librarians who are not OHSLA members and no one has a good grip on the status of Ohio health sciences libraries. The Executive Committee plans to study these issues and truly find out how to be the 'VOICE' for Ohio Health Sciences Libraries.

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE:** Patty Augustine expressed thanks to Ruey, Michelle Mary and Deb for their assistance and support, with especially warm thanks to the staff of Medical Heritage Center. The Spring meeting with feature Betsy Humphreys of NLM and a Y2K presentation. Members were urged to fill in the meeting evaluation form as these are vital help in planning future meetings. Today's classes are in direct response to suggestions from past evaluations.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Debra Anderson presented a report for 1997-98 and a proposed budget for 1998-99. There were no questions concerning the 1998-99 report. Regarding the proposed budget for 1998-99 Deb noted that postage has been lower because costs have been 'underwritten' by members, but we cannot assume that this will always be so. OHA membership has been dropped. Executive Committee expenses are higher because of lunch and \$0.05 per mile for members for 3 meetings. Dues income assumes 110 members. There was no discussion. A motion to approve the proposed budget for 1998-99 was made by Bobbie Connelly, and seconded by Barb VanBrimmer. The motion was approved.

**NEWSLETTER:** No report. A round of applause was given to Barbarie in thanks for all her hard work.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** As of 10/29/98 OHSLA has 121 members.

**RAC REPORT:** Rose reported that the Lexington meeting was most informative. The Docline manual is online. SERHOLD holdings will soon be available. There is discussion about subgroups, individual updates, and coordination with OCLC. An updated SERHOLD fact sheet is available. The Regional office with re-survey for connectivity. OldMed is now back to 1962. PreMed has not been sold to vendors but OldMed has.

**OCLIS and Ohio SERHOLD Update:** Clare reported that along with Jo Yeoh, Patty Augustine she attended the OCLIS symposium. The goal was to keep an ear open and see how medical librarians can be more involved in state-wide institutions. The next OCLIS board meeting is November 17. OLA meetings are available at the OLA member rate to OHSLA members. A letter regarding SERHOLD was sent to health sciences libraries.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Anyone willing to run for office please contact Clare.

**GMR REPORT:** Jean Sayre introduced Cathy Davies, new to GMR and the Ohio liaison. Cathy is teaching today's PUBMED class. AVLINE, CATLINE and SERHOLD will go away and Voyager implementation proceeds. Members were encouraged to read through the Fact Sheets in the program. GMR's web site has been redesigned, with services for different groups. The Grateful Med PUBMED interface will remain, but IGM will be searching PUBMED. CancerLit and PDQ will be discontinued but NCI will provide access to these databases. TOXLINE, etc will be available via a separate web site. Consumer health will be the big push at NLM. Consumer health journals are being added to PUBMED. 40 public libraries are to be part of a project in conjunction with NLM in a consumer health project. Jean urged us to look at NLM's webpage for more on MedlinePlus, a consumer health interface. Two outreach proposals are currently in process of being funded. One is here in Ohio: Marlene Porter in Toledo is working on a project to reach the Hispanic population. 3 Sources has been redesigned. Betsy Humphreys, is Acting Associate Director at NLM, taking the place of Lois Ann Colianni, who has resigned. GMR offered to host the OHSLA listserv and web page. Mary thanked Jean for her presentation and for the offer to host the listserv and the web page.

There being no new business Linda Bunyan made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Carol Howe seconded. The motion was carried. Meeting adjourned 1:25pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jodith Janes, Secretary

**OHSLA Spring Meeting 1999**  
**Tuesday, April 20, 1999**  
**Jessing Center at the Pontifical College Josephinum**

Plan to join your colleagues on Tuesday, April 20, 1999 for the OHSLA Spring Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Jessing Center on the beautiful grounds of the Pontifical College Josephinum, 7625 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio. (See map on page 7)

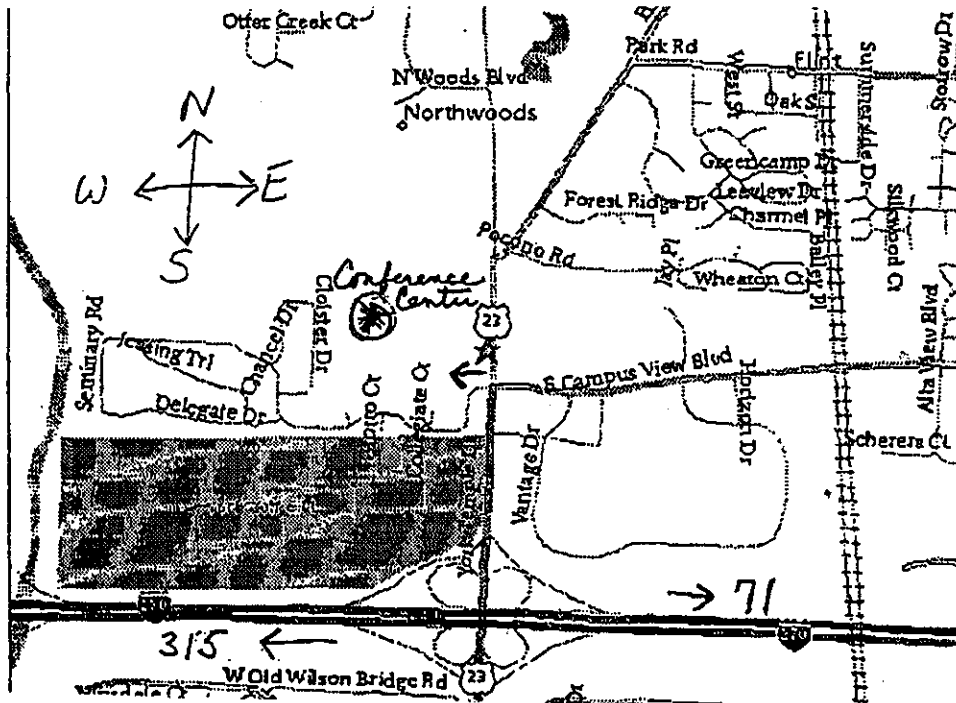
The Program Committee has planned a meeting that we hope

you will find both informative and enjoyable. Chris Shaffer, GMR Technology Coordinator, will discuss how Y2K will affect health sciences libraries.

Betsy Humphreys, NLM Acting Associate Director for Library Operations, will present NLM's vision for the delivery of health information in the 21st Century.

We have allowed 15 minutes at the end of each session for questions and answers. Enjoy a delicious lunch, meet new OHSLA members and have ample time to network with other librarians before the business meeting begins. At the business meeting, election results will be presented and a representative from GMR will provide an update on activities in our region.

9:15-10:00 a.m.	Registration & Continental Breakfast
10:00-11:00 a.m.	Y2K and The Health Sciences Library Chris Shaffer, Technology Coordinator National Network of Libraries of Medicine/GMR
11:00-12:00 noon	Delivering Health Information in the 21st Century: New Systems, New Knowledge Sources, New Users Betsy L. Humphreys, AHIP Acting Associate Director for Library Operations National Library of Medicine
12:00-1:30 p.m.	LUNCH
1:30-2:30 p.m.	Business Meeting & GMR Update
2:30-3:30 p.m.	General Tour of the Pontifical College Josephinum



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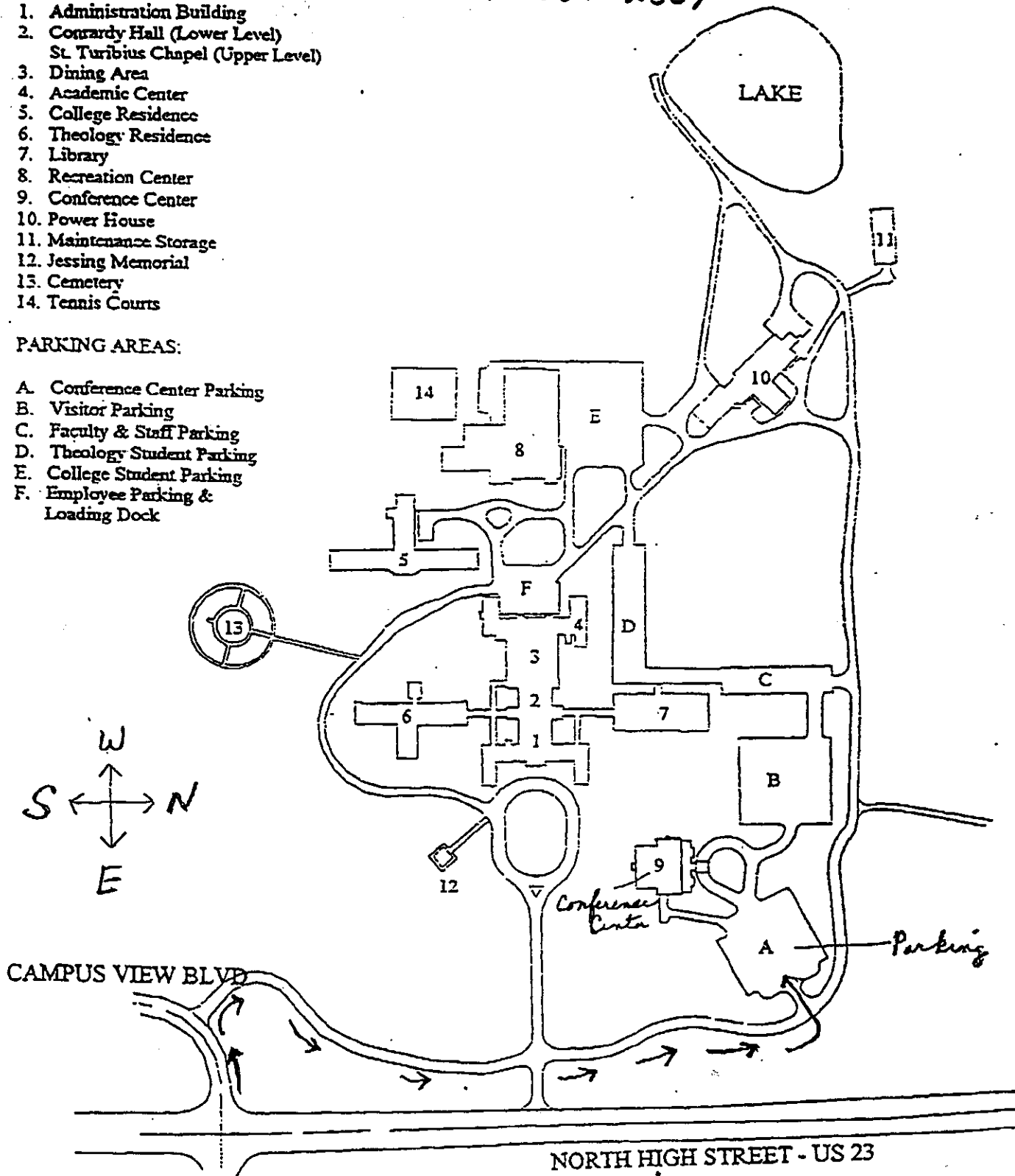
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1. Administration Building
2. Conrardy Hall (Lower Level)  
St. Turibius Chapel (Upper Level)
3. Dining Area
4. Academic Center
5. College Residence
6. Theology Residence
7. Library
8. Recreation Center
9. Conference Center
10. Power House
11. Maintenance Storage
12. Jessing Memorial
13. Cemetery
14. Tennis Courts

## PARKING AREAS:

- A. Conference Center Parking
- B. Visitor Parking
- C. Faculty & Staff Parking
- D. Theology Student Parking
- E. College Student Parking
- F. Employee Parking & Loading Dock



## OHSLA Fall Meeting

The OHSLA Fall meeting was held on October 29, 1998 at The Ohio State University Prior Health Sciences Library. Sixty-five OHSLA members participated in the CE classes. Thirty-one in Evidence-Based Medicine conducted by Patricia Gallagher and Jean Sullivan; and twenty-eight in PubMed: Train the Trainer conducted by Kathy Davies, GMR.

Of the fifty-four attendees who completed the meeting evaluation

form, seventeen (31%) were from academic libraries and thirty-seven (69%) were from hospital libraries.

Geographically, attendees traveled from every region of the state.

NE Ohio	16 (30%)
NW Ohio	2 (6%)
Central Ohio	17 (31%)
SE Ohio	5 (9%)
SW Ohio	13 (24%)

Attendees provided many valuable comments on the most and least

valuable aspects of the meeting. They also offered excellent suggestions for programs, facilities and subject topics for future meetings. The OHSLA Executive and Program Committees will continue to use this information to plan programs that meet the informational and educational needs of the membership. Please remember to complete the evaluation forms at the Spring meeting; your opinions are important.

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